

# **Thelbridge Parish Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022**

**Present:** Cllrs Boundy, Clements, Cowell, Gibson, Gillbard, Grant, Hayes, Lloyd (MDDC), Squires (MDDC and DCC)

### **I. Apologies**

None

### **II. Approval of minutes**

The minutes for the ~~annual~~ meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> November were approved and signed.

### **III. Public forum**

Two members of the public attended regarding Stretchdown traffic.

### **IV. Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

### **V. Complaint regarding noise associated with clay pigeon shooting**

The complainant has been referred to MDDC.

### **VI. Highways**

#### **a) Speed of traffic through Stretchdown**

The previous survey was done using a handheld and, at the time, no speeding was observed (it is of course a 60mph rated road). The number of houses does not meet the criteria for a full SCARF report. Residents may erect their own slow down or 20's plenty signs providing they are green and on private property. We have been advised that there is very limited signage that can be installed on a road such as this, as you can't inform drivers to slow down if they are legally within their rights to be driving at that speed, even if it may be inappropriate.

#### **b) Road Warden Scheme**

The request for funding was agreed and the order placed by Highways for the tools in October 2021. We await notification of delivery. Only after the tools are provided will the pothole filling material be supplied, since this has a fixed shelf life.

### **VII. Parish boundary review**

MDDC began the Parish Review (formally known as a Community Governance Review) in November 2021 and it is likely to run for around one year.

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As part of the process the Council will be reviewing all towns and parishes in Mid Devon and will be considering a number of options. These include:

- creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes
- changing the name of parishes
- the electoral arrangements for parishes (number of councillors, warding)
- grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes.

Cllr Polly Colthorpe, Chairman of the Electoral review Committee said: "The aim of a Parish Review is to improve local democracy and provide more effective local services, and it is often needed because of the growth and development of an area. What is most important is that we take into account community views as this whole process is all about improving democracy at a really local level."

At the end of the review period the Council will make a number of recommendations which will be made available in a public document, including the reasoning behind each recommendation.

Recommendations could include:

- boundary changes
- revised electoral arrangements
- the abolition of a parish/es
- grouping or ungroup existing parishes
- changing the name of a parish council, to reflect any boundary changes as appropriate

Any changes as a result of the review would come into effect for the 2023 all-out elections.

The District Council is at the first stage of consultation and is seeking your views and would welcome comments from individuals and organisations by **10<sup>th</sup> February**.

Please use the comment form to share your views. You can also call 01884 255255, email [parishreview@middevon.gov.uk](mailto:parishreview@middevon.gov.uk) or write to Parish Review, Electoral Services, Phoenix House, Phoenix Lane, Tiverton EX16 6PP.

#### VIII. Community-led affordable housing

This was discussed; no further action.

#### IX. Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Tree planning was considered the best option, however the lack of communal area is a problem. Commemorative coins for the children were considered, but would probably be too expensive. A

Thelbridge sign might be a possibility subject to cost; Clerk to check whether Cllr Squires has any locality budget available to help fund it.

#### X. Finance

- a) Statement of accounts and budget monitoring reports were received.
- b) Payments approved: printing and postage £15.54, email address renewal £19.31 and retrospective approval for HMRC £29.80

#### XI. Draft Newsletter

The draft was agreed with the addition of a piece about Walking in Devon.

#### XII. Planning

Permission in Principle for the erection of 1 dwelling  
Planning Application Land at NGR 280832 113694 Mill Lane  
Witheridge Devon Ref. No: 22/00139/PIP was discussed and it was **resolved** to take a neutral stance.

An application for a new milking parlour has been submitted, and was discussed in advance of it reaching the planning system. It was **resolved** to take a neutral position once this is available for consultation.

MDDC are consulting on Plan Mid Devon, a new Local Plan, from 31<sup>st</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> March. There will be two online events of Parish Councils and four for the public:

Date	Time	
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3:30-4:30	Introduction to Plan Mid Devon + Questions & Answers
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6:00-7:00	Climate Change and Plan Mid Devon + Questions & Answers
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:30-11:30	Introduction to Plan Mid Devon + Questions & Answers
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6:00-7:00	Housing and Plan Mid Devon + Questions & Answers

Further details are on [www.middevon.gov.uk](http://www.middevon.gov.uk)

#### XIII. Items for Future Agenda

Expenses policy  
Defibrillator  
Operation London Bridge

#### XIV. Future Meeting Dates

The following dates are scheduled: 20<sup>th</sup> April and 11<sup>th</sup> May (annual meeting)

The meeting closed at 21:07

Signed W. K. Bounby (Chairman) Date: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022